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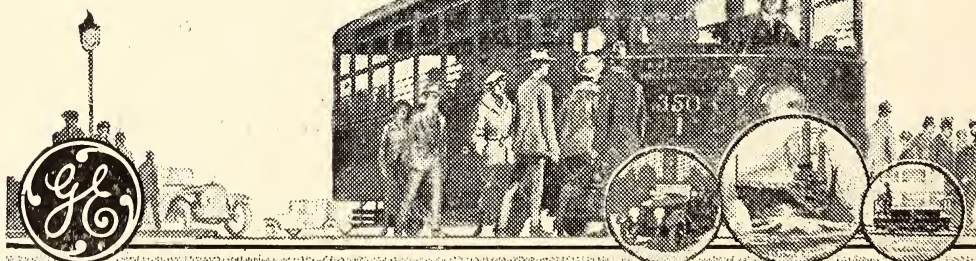
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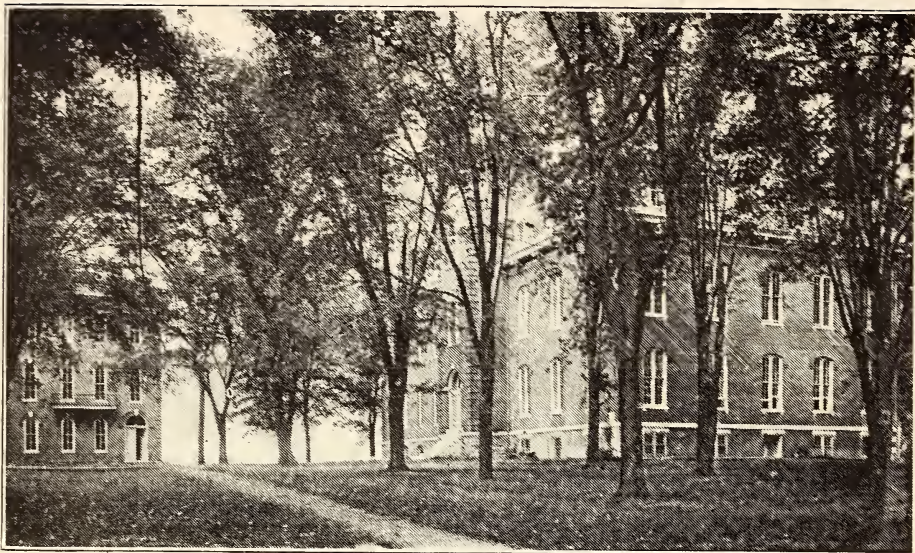
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"PEP."

Vigor, Vitality, Vim and Punch,
Courage to act on some sudden hunch,
Nerve to tackle most anything,
Feet willing to climb and hands ready to cling,
Above all a heart that never fails to sing:
That's Pep.

With sand and grit as a concrete base
A friendly smile written all over your face,
A spirit to help when all things fail,
One that can shatter the darkest vale
That can make the Blues turn their tail:
That's Pep.

To say I will, for you know you can,
To look for the best in every man,
To meet every knock-out blow with a smile,
To come back for the big show and make life
worth while : That's Pep.



Brief History of Blackburn

In 1835 the Rev. Gideon Blackburn, D. D., a Presbyterian minister residing at Carlinville, conceived the plan of founding an institution of learning for his church in the new western country. His object, like that of the founders of all our early colleges, was to promote young men for the office of the Gospel ministry.

Dr. Blackburn worked out a wonderful plan to secure money for the founding of such an institution. The government at that time was placing upon the market large tracts of land in this section of the country. Dr. Blackburn volunteered to give personal service in entering land for the friends of the cause on these terms: two dollars were to be paid him for each acre; of this amount he paid one dollar and twenty-five cents for the land, reserved twenty-five cents for his services and invested the remaining fifty cents in land for the

institution. Thru this plan he raised funds sufficient to enter a fraction over 16,656 acres for the college.

To secure this institution at Carlinville the citizens of this town contributed sufficient funds to purchase 80 acres of land, the present site of the school.

In 1857, Blackburn's charter was granted. In 1859 a primary school was opened. In 1862 the Academy department was begun. In 1864 and 1865 a full collegiate course was offered. In 1867 a Theological department was organized.

From 1867 to 1912 Blackburn rose and fell like all small institutions in the middle west.

In 1912, Rev. Wm. M. Hudson Ph. D. D. D., became president and worked out the self-help plan, which makes Blackburn a new and a different school.

Blackburn, thru Dr. Hudson's work and plans now has a produc-

tive endowment of four hundred and fifty thousand dollars, with a promised one hundred thousand dollar new Dorm and a twenty-five thousand dollar heating plant.

The Beginning.

HOW best to begin this school year is a question before us all. We certainly want to make this the best year for the school and for ourselves. We in the class of '21 want to make it a banner year for our class and for ourselves.

If these things be true, then the one great thing for us to do and the one thing which will put this task well on its way is nothing more or less than a good beginning in this school year.

At the close of each school year we find a number of students striving and struggling to correct the mistakes and errors of the early part of the year, and by the time they are ready to give real life and vim to their work the school year is gone, and gone forever.

A good beginning beyond any question turns all our energies into the right channel. We need not spend weary and toilsome hours at the close of the year, retracing our steps, cramming an unlearned lesson, or revising unwise and unpracticable plans, if we get the right start.

On all sides today we see and read of careers of brilliant possibility marred by wrong beginnings. In life many of us make mistakes which we never get over. A bad foundation always causes destruction. So in this school year we

should avoid all possible mistakes, and put down a solid rock foundation at the beginning if we wish to write success over this year's work.

To me in order to make this a successful year we must begin well. Many of us will go through the year in doubt and shadows. We will never have real joy and happiness, because at the beginning we failed to realize the great blessedness of the privileges to which we as students are entitled. Just let every academic student realize that he or she is the one in fifteen and the college student that he or she is the one in fifty that have the privilege to secure a higher education, and then perhaps they can receive just a faint vision of the multitude of privileges which lie before them as students.

This privilege of being a student should act as a stimulus to make us begin each school year with the best that we have. This best that we have for a good beginning means two things to me, and they are Clearness and Definiteness in aim.

On all sides today we are hearing of men who have failed, and of men who are failing because they had and have no settled purpose, no defined plan. They have no goal before them for which they with all their energies should be striving to reach. There is in their mind no clear and distinct idea toward which they should be pulling. They simply drift along in the current and are bore wherever it flows. They never become masters in life, and are never good slaves. They conquer nothing but are the poor creatures of circumstance. Such lives

are indeed unworthy of intelligent beings such as college students should be. They never reach any higher standard in life and certainly never attain any success.

If you have ever talked to a sculptor he will tell you that he never thinks about touching a piece of marble until he has in his mind a definite conception of his work as it will appear when finished. He sees before him a vision of his work and then sets to work to fashion and to cut out the vision in the stone. No builder begins to erect a house until a complete plan embracing every detail has been made. If in the material world men must have definite and clear aims before them before they begin their task, we in the school life should have some such plans.

We are in the period of character building, and destiny shaping, and so many of us fail to exercise wisdom in the definite plan of our lives. Many of us never give any thought to the questions about our lives.

What is your life? What are you making of life? What is the best thing you are doing to make your life successful? What is your aim in existence?

I am going to say that about one-half of we students live aimlessly; we have no sense of real responsibility, no earnest purpose to rise above the average student. This sort of living is well worthy of a tree or a plant but not of a college student.

Every student should have a clear and definite aim as to what his life is; what he is going to make of his life; what things are best for him

to do to obtain the highest standards of life.

Thus to me if we can begin this school year with an answer to these questions and can have a clear and definite plan in our life, and follow it up with a devoted and consecrated purpose we can certainly make this a banner year for the school and for the student body.

"Make my mortal dreams come true,
With the work I fain would do;
Clothe with life the weak intent,
Let me be the thing I meant."

Red Letter Day at Blackburn.

FRIDAY, October 1st, was a "red letter day" at Blackburn college. Mr. W. G. Bierd, President of the Chicago & Alton Ry., and Mr. Burrige D. Butler, publisher of the *Prairie Farmer*, and Rev. Ira W. Allen, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian church of La Grange, Ill., came down from Chicago in Mr. Bierd's private car to attend a meeting of the Board of Trustees. Mr. Bierd brought with him Mr. Douglas, the chief engineer of the C. & A. Ry., and Mr. Douglas went over the campus carefully with the trustees in order to begin plotting out the campus for future building operations. Mr. Douglas laid out the campus for the University of Pittsburg and is one of the well known engineers of the country. It is a matter of great good fortune to Blackburn to have his services in this very important matter. The immediate plans look forward to the development of Seminary Avenue and

the erection of a central heating plant. This should be completed within the next twelve months. Following that, the college hopes to have the money in hand for the erection of a young women's dormitory. The treasurer's report to the Board of Trustees showed a total asset column of \$695,586.00, productive assets \$502,258.00, with the estimated income from the endowment of \$25,920.00. A comparative statement of the assets of the college the year before the self-help plan was inaugurated showing at that time, the total assets were \$185,250.00, so that during this period the college has added over half a million dollars. The total expense for operation in 1911-12 was \$9,101.00, while the expense of operation last year amounted to \$55,149.00. The cost of carrying a tuition student last year was \$226.58. The student paid \$68 of this amount, so that the college lost on each tuition student \$118.50. The cost of carrying a self-help student was \$576.84. Of this amount the student paid in cash \$140 and in work \$108, making a total of \$248, so that the loss on each self-help student was \$384.84. In other words, for every self-help student the college paid out from endowment and gifts made by friends, \$328 while the student paid in cash and labor \$248.

The board nominated the following men to be trustees: Rev. John T. Thomas, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Springfield, Ill., to be the Blackburn professor of Theology. Mr. Gilson Brown, attorney at law, Alton, Ill., and Mr. Dudley C. Smith, Jr., of Normal, Ill.

These men have already indicated their willingness to accept a position on the board and will be a valuable addition to the Blackburn college board. Mr. Thomas E. Wilson, the president of Wilson & Co., Chicago, and Mr. R. W. Steuart, chairman of the board of directors of the Standard Oil Co., were also nominated and Mr. Bierd was instructed to confer with them in regard to accepting a position on the board.

A committee of the board of trustees, consisting of Mr. Bierd, Mr. Butler and Mr. Rinaker, was appointed to formulate a definite plan to secure life members in the Blackburn society. Also, to inaugurate a campaign to secure donors who would give \$1,000 toward Blackburn's building fund.

A letter was read from the general board of education of New York City, which advised the trustees, that the board had set aside \$25,000 of the New Era fund for the year 1922-23 for Blackburn on condition that the college raise \$75,000 additional for building and endowment purposes. This offer was accepted with thanks and the present campaign will be seeking to secure at the earliest possible moment this \$75,000.

In the evening Mr. Bierd, Mr. Butler and Dr. Allen made short talks to the students in which they spoke in a most enthusiastic manner of the great future which awaits Blackburn college.

—The average tuition fee paid by college and university students is \$83.24, according to Association Men.

THE BLACKBURNIAN LITERARY

A Comparison of the Aftermath of Wars—Ancient and Modern.

EMMITT FULLMER.

THERE is no other book which gives the present day readers such an insight into Ancient Greek history as the Odyssey. This book is better than most histories because it not only tells of the events which took place at that time but it also described the people, their beliefs, customs and religion. Although the date at which the Odyssey was written is not known and the language that was used then is not commonly used now, yet the reader of today will find that the thoughts and emotions expressed by that writer, who is supposed to have been a minstrel named Homer, back in the dusty ages of history, are very similar to the thoughts and emotions of many a "rookie" in the recent European war. There is a broad contrast in this comparison, of course, but this mingling of the ancient and modern is interesting.

"Captain" Odysseus started homeward after the capture of Troy with a full company. The men were not dressed as well as members of our A. E. F. but doubtless they considered themselves well equipped. Their warships were hardly comparable with the present day vessels. The soldier under Odysseus instead of loafing around the deck or leaning over the rail, was not only taking physical exercise at his oar, but also

working for his passage by propelling the boat. He could not travel fast or far in this fashion and because of this reason the ancient "jacky" if he could live again would be amazed at the number of foreign lands that have been discovered since the time when he roamed the seas in pre-historic style. If he were present after a modern battle and saw how the doctors and nurses dressed the wounds in a clean and antiseptic way, he might insist that that washing a wound in perfumed H₂O and olive oil and then wrapping it in silk or some other expensive cloth would be the better way. Then if he chanced around the vessel he would observe the quiet earnestness on the sailors' faces as they lowered one of their dead comrades to the care of the ocean in a canvas bag with a lead weight attached to one end and perhaps a flag wrapped around the grim canvass as a last acknowledgment of services well rendered. The soldier of olden times would contend that feastings and celebrations should take place since the beloved deceased had gone to a land free from care, but the modern "salt" is not so certain of the luck of the departed and hence the heartfelt feeling. Captain Odysseus would have run out of canvas bags before he arrived home if he had buried his men in the "wine-dark deep," which was the ancients' adjective for the modern phraseology—"Davy Jones Locker." Just as commanders in present day wars lost many of their men through misfor-

tune and battles, so did that daring leader on his way home from Troy lose many men from his company. Some of his ships were wrecked by storms and their brave crews lost, so also did many of our men start across the ocean but never reached their destination.

The carefree spirit of the wanderer surrounded Odysseus much of the time, and although he thought that he was caused to wander for displeasing the Gods, the soldier of modern times would have defined it as the spirit of restlessness. This mysterious emotion was the most contagious disease experienced by those who had a taste of the life in olive drab. Every new place loomed as a paradise as long as it could not be reached, but if by chance he reached this paradise, the beauty of the mind's eye faded into a mocking substitute of places previously vacated, and bitterly reminded him that pursuit is a greater pleasure than possession. Such was true of the company under the command of Odysseus. Sometimes they moved on because of the hostility of the people inhabiting that land as in the case of the Cyclops, but more often it was due to the beckoning hopes of returning once more to their own country.

The desire to return home affected Odysseus just as strongly during his ten years of wandering as it did the "rookies" during the recent war. During the many years that Odysseus was with the nimph Circe he mourned because there was no way for him to return to his home and friends. Many of our boys experienced the same longing when

surrounded by the French Circe. Again when Odysseus's men were turned into swine by the enchantress and he was retained by her love, his desire for his wife and child drew him on until he resumed his wanderings and searchings.

The recent soldiers' sentimental thoughts of the home fireside often linked themselves however with the satisfaction of wondering how many *real* meals he would consume in a single day after being mustered out of service. The peculiar human characteristic of feasting held good during the days of the Odyssey, as is mentioned many times how Odysseus and his companions were inclined to feast whenever good fortune befell them.

It is not necessary to lengthen the imagination to suppose that Odysseus and his companions made many resolutions just as the ex-service men did, that they would never care to leave their homes again. The love for friends is strongest when one can not go to them. The present restlessness after the recent war is similarly evidenced in "The Odyssey" and was just as strong in Odysseus even after he had finally reached home. Observing men have lately expressed surprise that discharged soldiers are slow to settle down to their pre-war occupations, but if they would read Tennyson's "Ulysses" they would be able to reason that such a situation is an ingrained instinct of several thousand years' duration.

It is man's instincts which I consider to be the connecting link between the period in which Odysseus lived and the present era and which

made fighting men experience similar thoughts and emotions during all ages. It is this similarity present in "The Odyssey" which makes it, in my mind, a piece of literature for every age and period.

Blackburn Student Body Notes.

The Blackburn Student Body is an organization of students only, whose purpose it is to protect student rights in the school and to conduct and promote social activities for all the students, regardless of their membership in the literary societies or their christian associations.

There are one hundred and thirty-eight students enrolled at Blackburn this year. The college has promised to pay to the Treasurer of the Student Body \$5 for each student. This money is to be used for athletics and other expenses incurred by student functions.

It is the desire of the Student Body to promote thru its channels a spirit of independence which will put every student on his honor both from a standpoint of scholarship and of discipline. Blackburn does not have a recognized system of Student Government but if every student will co-operate there is no reason why an Absolute Honor System may not be established here. If student problems arise, talk things over with your fellow students, get a student viewpoint of the situation, and then judge for yourself and do what you think is the wise and best thing. This is what makes a thinking man or woman and develops a mind of their own. We cannot be world

leaders if we do not learn to think out problems while we are apprentices.

Come on Blackburn. Let's make the Blackburn Student Body one that Bradstreet and Dunn would rate "A."

The officers for the year are:

President—Mr. Edgar Noorigian.

Secretary—Miss Raeta E. McGay.

Treasurer—Mr. Elmer E. Voekel.

EXCHANGES

Principal among the papers on our exchange table are the *Augutana Observer* and the *Monmouth Oracle*. We are indeed glad to welcome these papers, also any others that may come. Both the above mentioned seem to be full of pep; this is particularly true of the *Monmouth Oracle*. We see that Monmouth expects to have an excellent foot ball team this year. "Here's to you."

We also acknowledge the *Normal School News* and the *intercollegiate News Service*. In the latter are some very good jokes. We wish all B. U. students would read and take to heart the article entitled "Our Librarian Contributes" in the *Normal School News*.

—A "Problems in Citizenship" course will be required of all Freshmen at the University of Missouri, which began this fall. It will take one-third their time, and will include problems in economics and government and a study of political science, sociology and American history.

Belshazzar's Feast.

Belshazzar sat on his throne of gold
In the days of Babylon's fame;
And his purple gown and golden
crown
Lent splendor to his name.

A thousand lights of a thousand
hues

From the arching walls shone down,
And the palace rang as minstrels
sang

His praises and renown.

A thousand lords raised their voices
bold

As they feasted with the king;
And his concubines drank sparkling
wines

Like waters from a spring.

From golden cups of the captive Jews
All his wives drunk in delight;
And the dancers, fair with streaming
hair,

Danced far into the night.

The king smiled down on the motley
hall

Of the sparkling wines drunk deep;
But as hours crawled by his weary
eye

Grew dim with wine and sleep.

And lo! above on the arching wall
Where the candlestick burned bright
Like a magic wand, an armless hand
Appeared and 'gan to write.

The music died and the revels ceased
In a hush as still as death;
And the cups half-filled amazed lords
spilled

And held their drunken breath.

The king waxed pale as a corpse de-
ceased

And his knees together smote;

And he called, in fear, his wise men
near

To read what that hand wrote.

In haste they came from his king-
doms wide—

All the learned, wise and sage,
But they strove in vain, like men
insane,

To solve that hidden page.

And then the queen to the king's
royal side

With a message for him came,
And she cried "O king, live long and
sing

The glory of thy fame.

For there's a youth in Old Babylon
who

From the land of Judah came;
And the God he calls revealeth all,
And Daniel is his name.

Then said the king, "bring this cap-
tive Jew,

Let him read yon mystic hand,
If he solve the word he shall rank
third

In rulers of the land."

So, Daniel came to the banquet hall
For it's worldly revels famed,
And the hush of death smote every
breath

As boldly he proclaimed:

"O King, Most High, thou wilt surely
fall—

Thou art weighed and wanting
found,

And thy kingdom wide; God doth
divide

Twixt Mede and Persian crowned."

—M. H. H. '20.

Always laugh when you can,
It's cheap medicine.

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Now that every one is "into the swing of things," we resume the publication of "our" monthly paper, **THE BLACKBURNIAN**. It is indeed "OUR" paper and is just what we individually make it. Ask yourself this question, "If every one contributes as much to the success of the **THE 'BURNIAN** as I do, what kind of a paper will we have?" and then "Put your shoulder to the wheel" and **PUSH**.

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The editor wishes to thank all the members of the editorial staff as well as the contributors for their co-operation in making this first number possible. Now is the time to contribute any oration, essays, poems, jokes or local news for the November issue. If you cannot contribute at least help us with your subscription.

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Our aim this year is to attain the

standards of **THE 'BURNIAN** in the past and to make it a reminder of everyday life at B. U. that you will enjoy and take great pride in both now and in later years.. With your helpful criticism we can do this.

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If you don't like this paper **TELL US**.

If you like this paper—**TELL OTHERS**.

—“Oh, wad some power the giftie gie us

To see ourselves as ithers see us;
Methinks 'twould so reduce our chests

That we could have our little vests
Wrapped thrice around, and still so
That they could button in the back.”
slack

—California University Pelican.

THE BLACKBURNIAN SOCIETY

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PHILO HALL

Philo.

"Press Toward the Mark."

- P Patience.
- H Honesty.
- I Ideal.
- L Loyalty.
- O Obedience.

In 1864, Robert B. Minton, known as Uncle Bobby, professor of Mathematics and Astronomy, conceived the idea of a literary society at Blackburn, and in January of that year, the Philomathean Literary society had its birth.

Five years later some of its best members voluntarily withdrew to promote friendly rivalry in matters literary and founded the Orthopaedic society. Both these societies

were solely for young men, but in the spring of 1914, Philo became the "Co-ed Society of a Co-ed School."

Little did "Uncle Bobbie" realize the wealth and broadness of his dream. The principles and ideals which he set forth have been maintained throughout the years, until they have virtually become an inherent part of every Philo and—once a Philo, always a Philo—has become our watchword. Philo has, beyond doubt, entered upon its most prosperous year in its history.

Twentythree old Philos have returned, their enthusiasm and "pep" having been augmented by the vacation season. They are back to give Philo their best, and to help her to maintain her enviable position as the

foremost literary society of the college.

The keen competition which our sister society, Ortho, is giving us, is indeed enjoyed, and we wish to congratulate her upon her efforts in furnishing us real literary rivalry.

The first meeting was held on Friday evening, September 17th, with its hall crowded to the doors with new students, eager to learn of the opportunities offered by Philo. The program was a huge success, typical of Philo's programs, and was followed by a social hour, which was enjoyed by all.

The following officers were inaugurated to carry Philo's banner for the first semester:

President—Elmer E. Voelkel.

Vice President—Emmett Fullmer.

Secretary—Neva L. Davis.

Treasurer—George Gore.

Prosecuting Att'y—Parks Forster

Sergeant-at-Arms—Florence McGee.

Prelate—Mary Louise Fry.

Musician—Florence McGee.

Already twenty-eight new students have been admitted into membership in Philo, and from all indications Philo will reach her high-water mark in membership this year, and we extend to all a hearty welcome to our society, and to join us if they so wish.

Y. W. C. A.

The Y. W. C. A. Cabinet has some plans which will be of interest and help to its members this year. We hope every girl in school will join.

The Y. M. and Y. W. gave a reception for new students in the Chapel, Thursday evening, September 16th.

This was very well attended and all had a good time. Many interesting games were played, which enabled all to become better acquainted. Refreshments were served.

Two delegates, Miss Helen Huck and Miss Dorothy Gage, were sent by the Y. W. C. A. to the College Conference at Lake Geneva, Wis., during August. The girls received a great deal of inspiration and are very enthusiastic over the work. We hope everybody will co-operate with them and work out some of their suggestions.

The first regular meeting of the Y. W. was held Thursday evening September 23d. The Lake Geneva delegates gave only a hint of the many good things they gathered at the convention but will make a detailed report soon.

Let's get behind Y. W. C. A. girls and make this a banner year. R U 4 Y. W. ? ? ? ? ? I M.

Y. M. C. A.

The Y. M. C. A. had its first meeting Wednesday, September 22d, in the Chapel. There are a number of ministerial students here this year and Y. M. should do "Big Things."

The Y. M. men are planning to do more work for the people at the County Poor Farm this year. Plans are being made to purchase a folding organ so that these services may be made more enjoyable for the old folks.

The program committee is on the job this year and has several interesting programs planned which will include lectures, as well as athletic events such as wrestling and boxing



ORTHO HALL

matches, which we hope to have the Y. W. enjoy with us.

Mr. Raymond Huck, who attended the Lake Geneva College Y. M. Conference last June, is back with a lot of new ideas which should put a lot of real life and helpfulness into our organization.

COME ON MEN, LET'S GO.
PUT Y. M. C. A. OVER THE TOP.

Ortho.

"Labor omnia vincit."

The Ortho Literary society was, is and forever shall be. The Orthos came back twenty-five strong this year. They are all enthusiastic and determined to live up to Ortho's motto, "Harmony and excellence."

The Orthos entertained the new students Saturday evening, September 18th, at a bacon and wiener roast in

the woods. One hundred and fourteen students and faculty members gathered around a huge fire near the second trestle and after roasting bacon and wieners passed down the supply line and secured buns, potato salad, pickles, apples and coffee. Then when every one had eaten all they could, Edgar Noorigian and Aubrey Foiles put on a blind-folded boxing match, which made every one laugh so much that they went back to the source of supply for marsh-mellows. Then everybody sat around the fire and told "funnies" and Mrs. Hudson led in several songs that everybody knew. The roast ended with every one singing "Ortho will shine" and every one saying, "I've had such a good time!"

The first Ortho meeting this year was held in the hall Friday evening, September 17th. The program was

an exceptionally good one for a first meeting and was greatly appreciated by all the old Orthos and the visitors.

The second meeting of Ortho was held in the hall on Friday evening, September 24th. About seventy-five new students attended this meeting and enjoyed the program, which was a great success. Bearing testimony to Ortho's enterprise and progressive ideals eighteen new students pledged their names to become Ortho members before they had witnessed a single program. At present Ortho has fifty-three members.

Ortho Notes.

The numbers on Ortho's first two programs had received ample time in preparation and were the results of careful study.

Ortho believes in extending the educational elements of her programs. A steady up-to-the-mark program will do much more than sudden outbursts of literary activity to make Ortho realize the truth of the old Latin phrase which says, "Non vivere sed valere est vita." Not merely to exist, but to amount to something, is life.

The Ortho program committee is on the job this year all eyes and ears for Ortho, and feels assured that the record for the coming year will be one of great achievement and advancement and that the deep fellow feeling which has always existed in Ortho will deepen and strengthen each life. Ortho stands for Democracy. A society for all its members who believe, "What we are is God's gift to us but what we make of ourselves is our gift to God."

The officers for the semester are:
 Maurice H. Harris—President.
 Carl L. Eklund—Vice President.
 Carl Miller—Secretary.
 Anna Worrell—Treasurer.
 Raeta E. McGay—Literary Critic.
 Grace Chapin—Prelate.
 Ray C. Soliday—Marshal.
 Martha King—Librarian.

ATHLETICS

Blackburn has prospects of having a great football team this season. The majority of the letter men are back, with some experienced men entering college, and with those who did not make the team last year, gives Coach Raup plenty of good material from which to select a strong squad.

Coach Raup is better prepared to drill the men in the gentle art of foot ball, since he spent considerable time this summer studying the game from a scientific standpoint at Columbia University. The old players form a nucleus around which Blackburn hopes to build the strongest team that she has ever had. Foley is back with all of his pep, and generalship at quarters; Noorigan is playing left halfback, with Robinson at right half, while Thomas and Downey are working for the fullback position. Eklund and Everett, two old letter men, are holding the ends, but Fred Morse, another old player, watches hungrily. Secor, who is probably the heaviest man on the team, is playing guard this season, with Foiles, another heavyweight, as the other guard. "Fatty" Foiles' name is deceiving, in that he is all muscle, instead of that portion of

carbohydrates, commonly termed fat.

Kappler has been the only unfortunate man this year, having had both bones in his right leg broken. We hope that he soon will be able to be around again, although his football experience for this season, will be diminished as a result of his school spirit.

Blackburn will need the best that she has this year to meet her schedule, for she has one of the heaviest schedules in her history.

October 16th, Western Military Academy at Alton.

October 23d, Charleston Normal at Carlinville.

October 30th, McKendree at McKendree.

November 6th, open.

November 13th, Lincoln, at Carlinville.

November 19th, Wesleyan, at Carlinville.

Bloomington Normal Game.

On Saturday, October 2d, Blackburn won from Bloomington Normal at Bloomington, by a score of 14-0. The Bloomington lineup was rather weak and Blackburn did not have much trouble in advancing the ball either by end runs, off tackle runs or plunges thru center.

The Normal players showed a brand of sportsmanship, which is seldom displayed in foot ball. This is commendable, both to the team and to the school. They did not display any hard feelings when they realized that they were losing the game, as is often the case, but they played a clean game all the way thru.

Foley, Noorigian and Robinson were the main stays in the Black-

burn team. Foley in directing the team picked Normal's weak points in attacking the line and proceeded to make the holes.

The first touchdown came late in the second quarter, when "Noorie" carried the ball from Normal's ten-yard line to their three-yard line and Foley carried the pig-skin across the line on a line plunge thru center.

The next touchdown was made in the third quarter, when Robinson made a run around left end and laid it down for another six points.

The safety came near the end of the game when Harrison attempted a forward pass from behind Normal's goal. The ball struck the cross bar but was recovered by Harrison who was tackled by Secor.

The end of the game found the ball on the Normal's twenty-yard line.

The lineup was as follows:

I. S. N. U.		Blackburn.
Youngblood	L. E.	Everett
Burress	L. G.	Wolfe
Britt	L. T.	Foiles
Nelson	C.	Fullmer
Beckman	R. G.	Secor
Phelps	R. T.	Ames
Tituiller, B.	R. E.	Eklund
Harrison	Q. B.	Foley
Romans	R. H. B.	Noorigian
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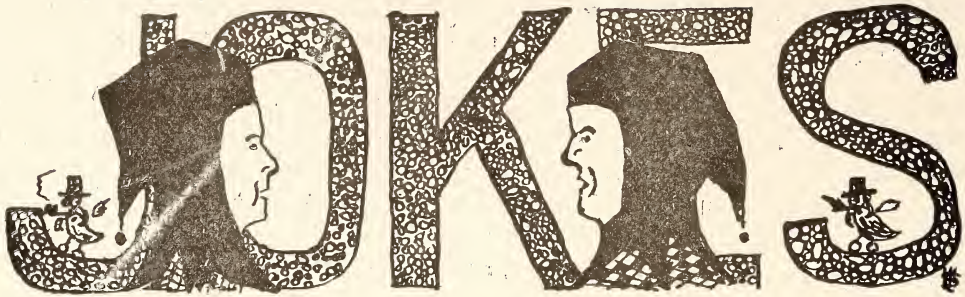
Subs.—Taubeneck for Youngblood, Tillerton for Boswell; Pettit for Burress.

Blackburn—Downey for Thomas, Enslow for Foiles.

Referee—Harrison (Illinois College.)

Umpire—Mukal (Illinois.)

Head linesman—Allen (Normal High.)



The following jokes should have been written on tissue paper so that the students could see through them:

Prof. Raup: Too much noise in back of the room.

Fullmer: It isn't me, it's my new sweater.

Minister: My mission on earth is to save young men.

Dot. Stillman: I wish he'd save me one.

Soliday: My ancestors were people with brains.

Black: Too bad you were disinherited.

Toast to the Faculty:

Here's to the Faculty; long may they live,

Even as long as the lessons they give.

Because a girl with a smile,
Is a girl worth while.

New student: What subjects does Prof. Staats teach?

Old student: None. He is Dr. of Farmacy.

'Twas in a restaurant they met,
One Romeo and Juliet;
'Twas there he first fell into debt,
For Romeo'd what Juli'et.

Ehman: I want you to take this letter to the post-office, buy a two-cent stamp and mail it. (In ten minutes Hanks returns.)

Ehman: Did you mail the letter?

Hanks: Certainly, but I saved the two cents; I saw a lot of people drop letters into a box, so I watched when no one was looking and dropped mine in too.

Voelkel: Do you know the difference between capital and labor?

Gunn: No.

Voelkel: Well, if I loaned you a quarter, that would be capital. If I tried to get it back that would be labor.

Gore: Did you get into any of the New York restaurants?

Ehman: No. I got into what I thought was one and I heard a fellow call for saratoga chips, and I knew 'twas a gambling den and got out quick.

Staats: Forster, what do you mean by treating that horse that way? Don't you know that you can accomplish more with animals by speaking to them?

Forster: Yes, but this horse is so deaf, and I must communicate with him in the sign language.

What would happen if:

Hanks, the bugler, would not blow "Can't get 'em up" for chapel time?

Uncle Bill would not rave about things we just gotta do?

Sarah Crawford would not say "Sure enuf" with every sentence she used?

Emily Good would rave about De-laney?

Kerr would stop telling about his travels to Africa and Pittsburg?

Georgie would stop talk baby talk?

Fisher would learn table etiquette?

Harris would discard his little brown skull cap?

Grace Iliff would get up for breakfast?

—
Doctor: I don't like your heart action. You have had some trouble with anginapectovis.

Metz Neuman: You are partly right doc, only that ain't her name.

—
Dr. Staats: How many of you fellows are there over there?

Kieser: Five.

Dr. Staats: Well, half of you come here.

—
New girl to old one: "Who is this Pat you are always talking about? He must be a fascinating creature, and when he comes, I want to meet him."

—
—Mr. V. Clyde has returned to his home in Chicago.

—The far car seems to be haunted by microbes, or else the girls are playing a trick on us. Any way they have arranged the past week to take turns at being sick.

LOCAL NOTES

—Mr. Richard Mann, who is attending school in Chicago, spent Sunday, September 19th, visiting old friends.

—Because of the illness of her grandfather, Dorothy Pusey has been forced to give up her school work and return home.

—Mr. Nelson Kennedy spent a day visiting Blackburn before starting his school work at Knox. We all wished that Nelson had come to stay.

Mrs. Ames, of Table Grove, spent several days with her daughter, Violet at the beginning of school.

—The inevitable always happens and so we worked last Friday. Of course we all enjoyed the tasks of filling the silo, canning apples and doing the washing. but most of all we liked the chicken dinner prepared for the Trustees and other friends who visited us that day. We are at a loss to know where they acquired their appetites for they seemed to merely stand around and watch us work. Nevertheless we enjoyed their visit and hope they will come again.

—Mr. Roy DeShara spent several days last week visiting B. U. Roy brings back memories of former football days and we wish he was on the team this year.

—We were not the least bit surprised when Miss "Pat" Kyle walked in on Friday evening. If Pat was only holding control of the dining room we would actually feel at home.

—Miss Mary Louise Fry was called home last week by the sudden death of her aunt, Mrs. Fry.

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